

T-783
William S. Turner House
Bellevue
Private

1908

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: William S. Turner House

MHT Inventory Number: T-703

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
Industrial / Urban Dominance
- 4) Resource Type(s): 1870-1930
Single-Family Dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-783

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DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WILLIAM S. TURNER HOUSE

and/or common OTIS TURNER HOUSE

2. Location

street & number Gates Street ___ not for publication

city, town Bellevue ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture ___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government ___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial ___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military ___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Otis Turner

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Royal Oak state and zip code MD 21662

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William S. Turner house stands on the north side of Gates Street in the center of Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces southeast with the principal gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Reported to have been built in 1908, the two-story, side hall/parlor frame house is supported by a low brick foundation, and the dwelling is sheathed with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with wood shingles. Extending to the back of the main block is a two-story wing enlarged by a west side two-story shed addition.

The southeast (main) elevation is a two-bay facade sheltered on the first floor by a hip roof porch. The partially glazed front door, fixed in the eastern bay, is flanked by a tripartite parlor window to the west. Two single-pane sash windows light the second floor. The eaves to the roof are finished with boxed cornices.

The northeast and southwest gable ends follow along similar finishes with single-pane sash windows lighting the first and second floors. A slightly extended eave is trimmed with short returns at the base of the roof. Rising against the northwest corner of the house, now within the shed addition, is a brick chimney stack.

The rear two-story kitchen wing covers the north side of the main block. A narrow brick chimney rises through the gable end. Covering the west side of the kitchen wing is a two-story shed roofed addition. Extending from the north gable end is a single story wing.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1908 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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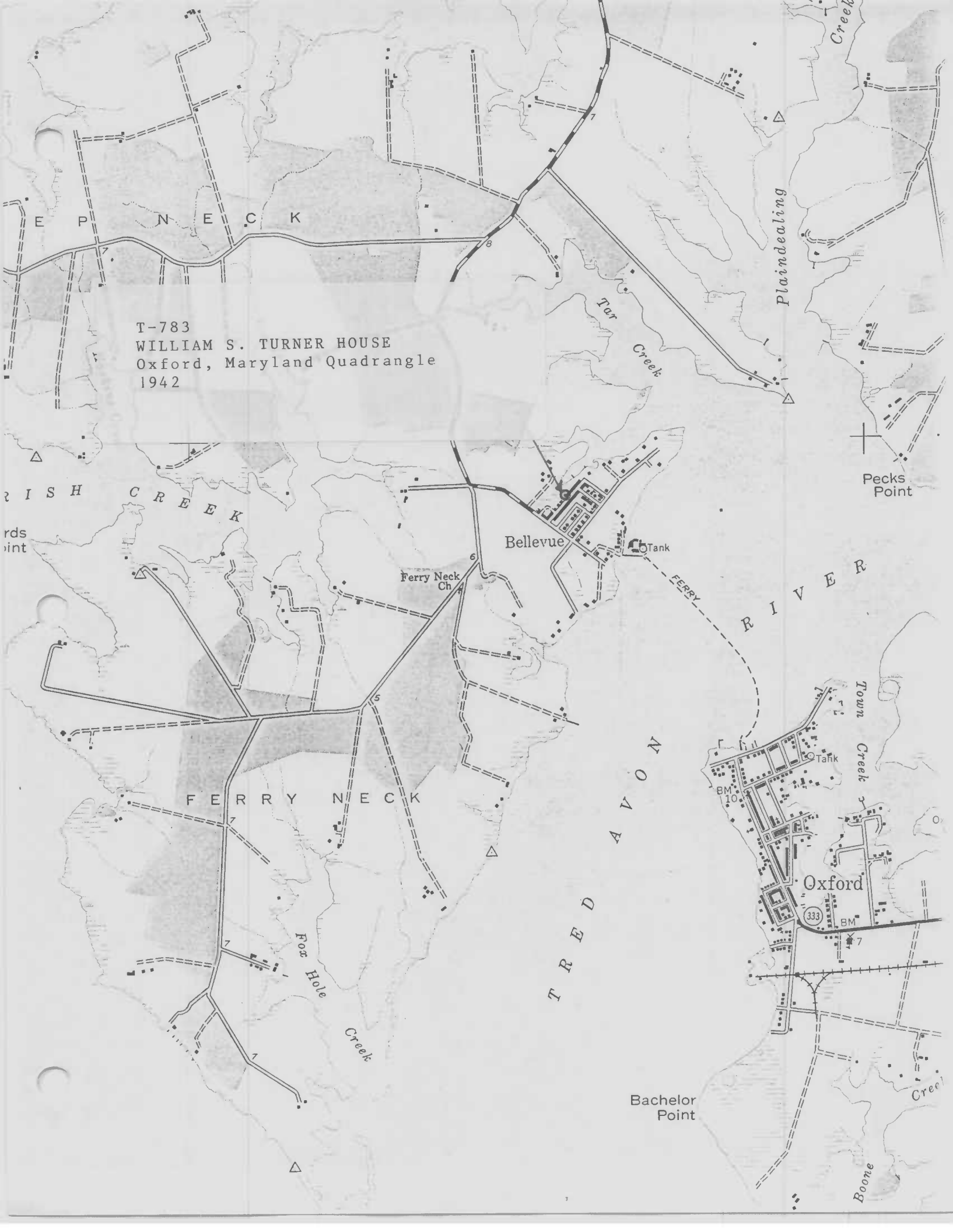
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Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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WILLIAM S. TURNER HOUSE
Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle
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WILLIAM S. TURNER HOUSE

Southwest elevation

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